



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY DENTAL ACTIVITY
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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL DENTAC MILITARY PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: FC DENTAC Policy 20-05 - Family Member/Retiree Dental Care

1. Routine dental care on an appointed basis for Other Than Active Duty (OTAD) patients is not available in the Fort Campbell Dental Activity (DENTAC). Our mission is to ensure a high state of dental readiness for active duty beneficiaries. Family members of active duty personnel are encouraged to enroll in the Tricare Family Member Dental Plan. Likewise, a Tricare Retiree Dental Program is available for retirees. Information on these programs is available at the Fort Campbell dental clinics and at the Health Benefits Advisor's office, or on the internet. In accordance with DOD policy, "space available care" (i.e. waiting in a clinic for an opening that cannot be filled by an active duty patient) is available to OTAD patients only when at least 95% of active duty personnel assigned are in dental class 1 or 2. Family members of active duty personnel who are enrolled in the Tricare Family Member Dental Plan are not eligible for such standby care. Retirees are eligible for standby care, when available, irrespective of the enrollment in the Delta insurance program.
2. Although emergency care is available for OTAD patients through a dental officer on call, that care is strictly defined by significant swelling and/or fever indicative of infection, bleeding, trauma, or pain that cannot be controlled by medication. If emergency dental services are sought, the problem must be as noted above and treatment rendered will only be to relieve acute symptoms. Emergency care will not be definitive in nature and, in almost all cases, further care from another source will be needed. Emergency services are not a source of routine comprehensive care.
3. A very limited number of OTAD patients may be accepted to support the training needs of the Advanced General Dentistry Program/1 Year. To be accepted, the case must meet stringent training criteria. Follow-up care is also restricted based upon the same criteria for providing training cases. Exceptional Family Member Program patients, as well as others requiring medically adjunctive care not provided by the Tricare Family Member Dental Plan, may also be seen. Family members of active duty personnel and retirees are strongly urged to obtain all dental care through their respective insurance programs and civilian practitioners.

Signature Authenticated by ApproveIt, 
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